

New Mexico - Las Cruces Field Office
FY 2006 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Grazing Lands

Applicant: _____ Farm No. _____ Tract No. _____ CMS Field No's. _____ Date: _____
Tribal Land _____ Non-Tribal Land _____ Preliminary Rating ____ Final Rating ____

1. Plants - 97 Potential Points (29.6% of Total)

Note: Instructions on separate sheet		% Area in Contract Before Treatment	% Area in Contract After Treatment.	Potential Points	Points - Bench Mark	Points - After
Rangelands:	SI of 76-1 00 w/trend up or not apparent	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	77	
	Ecological SI of 51-75 with upward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	65	
	Site SI of 51-75 with downward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	50	
	Similarity SI of 26-50 with upward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	35	
	Index SI of 26-50 with downward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	20	
	(SI)* SI of 0-25 with upward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	10	
	SI of 0-25 with downward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	0	
Riparian	Use Attachment 1, 2, or 3	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	% Quality After: _____	%	77	
Grazing Plan	Intensive Rotation	%		20		
	Rest Rotation	%		20		
	Continuous Use	%		0		
1. Plants		Total	100%	Total	100%	Total:

2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - 200 Potential Points (61.2 % of Total)

Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the EQIP Contract must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should be given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans.			Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Treated	Points - After
Soil Erosion					
Soil Erosion - Wind					
Prescribed Grazing (528)					
An extensive grazing system will be initiated (rested 25-70% of time during the growing season).			10		
An intensive grazing system will be initiated (rested>70% of time during the growing season).			20		
Grade Stabilization Structure (410)			20		
Water Quantity					
Water Quantity - Inefficient Water Use on Non-irrigated Land					
Pipeline (516)			15		
Storage or Trough (614)			15		
Water Quality					
Water Quality - Excessive Suspended Sediment and Turbidity in Surface Water					
Brush Mgt. (314) Chemical Control			10		
Brush Mgt. (314) Mechanical Control			10		
Fencing (382)			10		
Prescribed Grazing (528)					
An extensive grazing system will be initiated (rested 25-70%) of time during the growing season.			10		
An intensive grazing system will be initiated (rested>70% of time during the growing season).			20		
Air					
Air Quality - Reduced Visibility					
Prescribed Grazing (528)					
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An intensive grazing system will be initiated (rested>70% of time during the growing season).			20		

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2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - 200 Potential Points - Continued

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Plants			
Plant – Condition – Productivity, Health and Vigor			
Prescribed Grazing (528a)			
An extensive grazing system will be initiated (rested 25-70% of time during the growing season). 528a	10		
An intensive grazing system will be initiated (rested >70% of time during the growing season). 528a	20		
Brush Mgt (314)	10		
Fencing (382)	10		
Animals			
Domestic Animals – Inadequate Stock Water			
Trough or Tank (614)	10		
Livestock Pipeline (516)	10		
2. Conservation Practice Selection	Total:		

3. Other Considerations - 30 Potential Points (9.2 % of Total)

Below are some suggested, not required, criteria. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to recommend based on LWG advice, please include them here.	Potential Points	Bench-mark	Points - After
A. At risk species are in the area and the contract will enhance habitat for the species.	20	0	
B. The contracted area will meet a Resource Management System.	5	0	
C. Proposed contracted area will be treated to eradicate, control and/or prevent infestation of Class A and/or Class B noxious weeds, as designated by NMMA.	5	0	
D. The complete grazing operating unit is in the contract.	5	0	
E. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	N/A	0	
F. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active or planned sec. 309 project.	N/A	0	
G. The land is within a NMED designated Category 1 Watershed.	N/A	0	
3. Other Considerations	Total:	0	

Points Earned (After minus Benchmark): Sec. 1 _____ Sec. 2 _____ Sec. 3 _____ Total _____

Designated Conservationist _____

Date _____